

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

PAPERS AS PRESIDENT

President's Secretary's File 1933 - 1945

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These papers were donated to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt began shipping these Presidential materials to the Library in December 1942 but the bulk of this collection was received from his estate in November 1951. President Roosevelt donated his copyright interest in these papers to the United States Government; writings of other individuals are subject to copyright restrictions under Title 17 of the U. S. Code.

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Related Material: The papers of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President are divided into five major groups: the Alphabetical File, the Official File, the President's Secretary's File, and the Map Room Papers. Most of the Library's other collections will also contain related material on given topics.

The fourth group of papers in the Central Files was known as the Confidential File. It contained material similar to that found in the other filing categories which had been designated confidential by the President or one of his secretaries or assistants. It was arranged alphabetically by subject.

The boundaries between these file groupings were often vague and similar material can be found in both the Official File and the President's Personal File. In many cases both groups of papers will contain files on a particular subject or individual. Researchers should thus consult both files to be assured of seeing all the material on their topic.

To facilitate the use of the Central Files, the Office of the Chief of Files prepared an index of important individuals and subjects and also adopted a system of inserting cross reference sheets in other related files throughout the four groups of papers. When correspondence was received by the Office a classifier determined the appropriate file for the original document and so marked the covering letter. Notations were also made on the document to indicate the other files where abstracts of that particular correspondence would be placed. The correspondence then passed to a typist for the preparation of the required number of abstracts. Subsequently, filing clerks would file both the original papers and the abstracts.

With a few exceptions, all of the mail received at the White House (or a record thereof) would thus end up in the Central Files. Occasionally large amounts of correspondence concerning a particular subject would be referred to another agency without a record being kept. Secretaries and administrative assistants might also retain small amounts of correspondence in their own files. The President's personal secretary, while sending ordinary correspondence to the Central Files, also maintained a file of documents deemed special and confidential by the President.

The correspondence retained by the personal secretary was arranged alphabetically by subject into a Diplomatic File, containing confidential reports from American representatives abroad; a Department File, containing material from various government agencies; a Famous People File; Secret File with correspondence from individuals such as Winston S. Churchill and Joseph Stalin; a Special Studies File; and a General File. This material plus the Confidential File of the Central Files has been incorporated into what is known as the President's Secretary's File.

After the United States' entry into World War II, a White House Map Room was established in January 1942 under the supervision of the President's Naval Aide. This office also maintained files, arranged by subject, which are now known as the Map Room Papers. Included are wartime messages sent and received by the President,

The President's Secretary's File contains incoming and outgoing correspondence, memoranda, printed material, and newspaper clippings, deemed special or confidential, which were in the custody of the President's personal secretary. These papers, arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject, are presently divided into five series as follows:

Safe File: Formerly security classified material, mainly from the World War II period. Includes files on United States government departments, a number of foreign countries, and important individuals. Containers 1 - 6.

Confidential File: Material similar to that in the Official File and the President's Personal File which was considered confidential by the White House filing staff. Once a part of the White House Central Files. Includes files on government departments and agencies, 1933 - 1945, and copies of State Department dispatches from a number of European countries and Japan, 1937 - 1943. Containers 6 - 23.

Diplomatic Correspondence: Confidential reports sent to the President from American representatives abroad, letters from royalty and heads of state, as well as State Department correspondence concerning particular countries, 1933 - 1945. Containers 23 - 53.

Departmental Correspondence: Confidential material sent to the President from the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Justice, Labor, Navy, Post Office, State, Treasury, and War, 1933 - 1945. Containers 53 - 91.

Subject File: Includes files on lesser government agencies, members of the Executive Office of the President, other public officials and personal friends, 1933 - 1945. Also material on personal affairs of the Roosevelt family, Hyde Park and Warm Springs. Grace Tully's White House correspondence after the President's death are filed in containers 167 and 168. Containers 91 - 174.

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Most documents have only one index entry and in indexing the emphasis has been placed on the country or area that the various reports are concerned with. There are only occasional entries for individuals and other subjects such as a Post-War Intelligence Organization. Sub-headings have been used for countries such as Germany, France, and Yugoslavia for which there is a large amount of information. Also documents which contain information on individual countries may be indexed under entries covering larger geographical areas, for example, Yugoslavia - see also the Balkans.

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13 Dec. 41.

FAR EAST (see also entries for individual countries)

15 Dec. 41; 5 Jan. 42; 24 Jan. 42; 6 Mar. 42; 14 Apr. 42;
20 Apr. 42; 14 May 42; 18 May 42; 28 May 42; 8 June 42;
9 June 42; 6 Oct. 43 (A); 17 Dec. 43 (C); 27 Oct. 44.

FINLAND (see also SCANDINAVIA)

8 July 44; 30 Oct. 44; 3 Nov. 44; 7 Nov. 44; 8 Nov. 44;
10 Nov. 44; 13 Nov. 44; 16 Nov. 44; 16 Nov. 44.

FRANCE

9 Jan. 42; 23 Feb. 42; 19 May 42; 29 May 42; 3 June 42;
14 June 44 (A); 19 June 44 (A); 10 July 44; 2 Aug. 44;
23 Oct. 44; 9 Mar. 45; 3 Apr. 45.

FRANCE

Cables Received and Sent by Vichy (Texts in French)

6 Mar. 42; 6 Mar. 42; 6 Mar. 42; 8 Mar. 42; 12 Mar. 42;
[12 Mar. 42]; 16 Mar. 42; 19 Mar. 42; 19 Mar. 42;
19 Mar. 42; 1 Apr. 42; 3 Apr. 42; 6 Apr. 42; 6 Apr. 42;
6 Apr. 42; 6 Apr. 42; 8 Apr. 42; 10 Apr. 42; 11 Apr. 42;
15 Apr. 42; 16 Apr. 42; 17 Apr. 42; 20 Apr. 42; 21 Apr. 42;
22 Apr. 42; 24 Apr. 42; 28 Apr. 42; 30 Apr. 42; 1 May 42;
2 May 42; 5 May 42; 6 May 42; 6 May 42; 8 May 42; 9 May 42;
9 May 42; 11 May 42; 12 May 42; 12 May 42; 13 May 42;
13 May 42; 14 May [42]; 16 May 42; 16 May 42; 18 May 42;
19 May 42; 21 May 42; 25 May 42; 30 May 42; 3 June 42;
4 June 42; 5 June 42; 6 June 42; 8 June 42; 8 June 42;
9 June 42; 11 June 42; 13 June 42.

FRANCE

Cooperation with the Axis by

13 Dec. 41; 13 Dec. 41; 14 Dec. 41; 15 Dec. 41; 18 Dec. 41;
18 Dec. 41; 19 Dec. 41; 18 Feb. 42; 22 Feb. 42; 6 Mar. 42;
6 Apr. 42; 17 July 44.

FRANCE

And Free French (see also NORTH AFRICA)

23 Dec. 41; 20 Jan. 42; 4 Feb. 42; 9 Feb. 42; 12 Mar. 42;
21 Apr. 42; 15 June 44 (A); 29 May 44 (C).

FREEDOM MOVEMENTS

26 Mar. 42; 3 Apr 42 (D); 6 Apr. 42; 13 Apr. 42; 21 Apr. 42;
25 Apr. 42.

GERMANY

8 Dec. 41 (D); 19 Dec. 41; 17 Mar. 42; 5 Dec. 44; 18 Dec. 44.

GERMANY

Berlin, Conditions in

17 Dec. 41; 29 May 42; 3 Apr. 44 (C); 3 Mar. 45.

GERMANY

Borman, Martin

20 Mar. 44 (A).

GERMANY

Economic Conditions in

23 Dec. 41; 8 Feb. 42; 16 Feb. 42; 10 Mar. 42 (Filed with
report, 12 Dec. 41); 11 May 42; 6 Nov. 44; 11 Nov. 44.

GERMANY

Hitler

28 Nov. 41 (D); 26 May 42.

GERMANY

Internal Situation of

23 Dec. 41; 27 Jan. 42; 26 May 42; 29 May 42; 13 July 44;
19 July 44; 4 Nov. 44; 18 Nov. 44; 25 Nov. 44; 29 Nov. 44;
16 Dec. 44; 30 Dec. 44; 24 Feb. 45.

GERMANY

July 20 Putsch in

22 July 44; 24 July 44; 24 July 44; 26 July 44; 29 July 44;
3 Aug. 44; 7 Aug. 44; 27 Jan. 45; 1 Feb. 45.

GERMANY

Propaganda Issued by

29 Nov. 41 (D); 27 Dec. 41; 30 Dec. 41; 4 Feb. 42; 27 Mar. 42;
19 May 42.

GERMANY

Religion in

23 Oct. 41 (C); 18 Dec. 41; 19 Feb. 42; 31 Oct. 44; 8 Dec.
44; 8 Dec. 44.

GERMANY

And Soviet Union

16 Aug. 43 (C); 20 Mar. 44 (A); 2 Aug. 44; 12 Oct. 44;
7 Feb. 45; 23 Mar. 45.

GERMANY

Stamps of

5 July 44; 24 Oct. 44.

GERMANY

Strasser, Otto

20 Jan. 42; 18 May 42.

GERMANY

Surrender in North Italy by (see also ITALY: German Evacuation of)

9 Feb. 45; 24 Feb. 45; 26 Feb. 45; 8 Mar. 45; 9 Mar. 45;
10 Mar. 45; 12 Mar. 45; 13 Mar. 45; 13 Mar. 45;
21 Mar. 45; 22 Mar. 45; 29 Mar. 45; 1 Apr. 45; 4 Apr. 45;
10 Apr. 45 (C).

GERMANY

Thomsen, Dr. Hans

21 Nov. 41 (D); 24 Nov. 41 (D); 8 Dec. 41 (D); 13 Dec. 41.

GREAT BRITAIN

Political Warfare Executive Weekly Directives - General

26 Jan. 42; 9 Feb. 42; 20 Feb. 42; 27 Feb. 42; 19 Mar. 42;
26 Mar. 42; 2 Apr. 42; 8 Apr. 42; 16 Apr. 42; 29 Apr. 42;
7 May 42; 13 May 42; 14 May 42; 20 May 42; 20 May 42;
4 June 42.

GREAT BRITAIN

Political Warfare Executive Weekly Directives - France

11 Apr. 42; 20 Apr. 42; 28 Apr. 42; 4 May 42; 16 May 42;
8 June 42.

GREAT BRITAIN

Political Warfare Executive Weekly Directives - Germany

11 Apr. 42; 20 Apr. 42; 28 Apr. 42; 4 May 42; 16 May 42;
22 May 42; 8 June 42; 9 June 42.

GREAT BRITAIN

Political Warfare Executive Weekly Directives - Italy

11 Apr. 42; 1 May 42; 22 May 42; 8 June 42.

GREAT BRITAIN

Psychological Warfare by

16 Jan. 42; 25 Feb. 42; 1 Mar. 42; 2 Apr. 42.

GREECE (see also THE BALKANS)

13 Dec. 41; 30 Dec. 41; 7 Jan. 42; 15 Jan. 42; 10 Feb. 42;
13 May 42; 20 May 42; 26 May 42; 25 Oct. 43 (C); 29 Oct.
43 (C); 18 July 44; 20 July 44; 27 July 44; 28 July 44;
3 Aug. 44; 9 Aug. 44; 4 Sept. 44 (C); 25 Sept. 44;
6 Oct. 44; 6 Dec. 44; 27 Dec. 44; 14 Mar. 45.

GRIPSHOLM, S. S.

6 Nov. 44.

ITALY

Internal Conditions in

23 Feb. 42; 30 May 42; 21 July 44; 5 Aug. 44; 21 Oct. 44;
25 Oct. 44; 29 Nov. 44; 10 Jan. 45; 9 Mar. 45.

ITALY

O.S.S. Operations and Propaganda in

19 Feb. 42; 17 Apr. 42; 17 Apr. 42; 20 May 42; 12 Oct. 43 (C);
29 July 44; 28 Oct. 44.

ITALY

Political Situation in

8 May 42; 21 July 44; 14 Oct. 44; 21 Oct. 44; 24 Oct. 44;
31 Oct. 44; 1 Nov. 44; 2 Nov. 44; 6 Nov. 44; 8 Dec. 44;
25 Jan. 45.

JAPAN (see also FAR EAST)

16 Dec. 41; 16 Dec. 41; 16 Dec. 41; 15 Jan. 42; 15 Jan. 42;
16 Jan. 42; 24 Jan. 42 (D); 15 Feb. 42; 23 Feb. 42; 12 Mar.
42; 26 Mar. 42; 11 Apr. 42; 19 May 42; 9 July 44; 21 Nov.
44; 16 Feb. 45; 23 Mar. 45.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACTS WITH

28 May 42; 17 June 43 (C).

LATIN AMERICA (see also OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES: Organization, Operating Function, Cooperation with Other Agencies; entries for individual countries)

13 Dec. 41 (D); 15 Dec. 41; 17 Dec. 41; 20 Dec. 41;
24 Dec. 41; 30 Dec. 41; 8 Jan. 42; 5 Feb. 42; 26 Mar. 42;
30 Mar. 42; 13 Apr. 42; 27 Apr. 42; 22 May 42; 5 Dec. 44.

LEBANON (see also NEAR EAST)

8 June 42.

LIBERIA

16 Dec. 41; 5 June 42.

NORTH AFRICA

Political Conditions in

20 Dec. 41; 31 Jan. 42; 31 Jan. 42 (D); 8 Apr. 42; 8 Dec. 44.

NORWAY (see also SCANDINAVIA)

25 Apr. 42; 2 May 42; 2 Nov. 43 (C); 18 Oct. 44.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Organization, Operating Functions, Cooperation with Other Agencies

10 June 41 (D); 1 Aug. 41 (D); 10 Oct. 41 (D); 26 Jan. 42;
2 Feb. 42; 9 Feb. 42; 4 Mar. 42; 16 Mar. 42; 21 Mar. 42 (D);
30 Mar. 42; 31 Mar. 42 (D); 14 Apr. 42 (D); 21 Apr. 42;
16 May 42; 16 May 42 (D); 8 June 42; 30 Mar. 43 (C);
19 June 44 (A); 6 Apr. 45.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Foreign Nationalities Branch

20 Dec. 41 (D); 20 Dec. 41; 20 Jan. 42.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Research and Analysis Branch

23 Oct. 41 (D); 8 Apr. 42.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Special Intelligence Service and Special Operations (SIS and SO)

22 Dec. 41; 23 Dec. 41 (D); 13 Feb. 42; [2 Mar. 42?]
5 Mar. 42; 23 Apr. 42; 9 July 44.

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION, ESTABLISHMENT OF (see OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES: Organization, Operating Functions, Cooperation with Other Agencies)

OIL PIPELINES

26 May 42; 28 May 42.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

Leaflets and Pamphlets

20 Dec. 41; 14 Jan. 42; 14 Jan. 42 (D); 15 Jan. 42; 4 Feb. 42;
5 Feb. 42; 8 Feb. 42; 28 Apr. 42; 28 Apr. 42; 1 May 42;
10 June 42 (D).

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

Propaganda Warfare, Analysis of (Axis and Allied)

10 Jan. 42; 7 Feb. 42; 13 Feb. 42; 20 Feb. 42; 28 Feb. 42;
7 Mar. 42; 14 Mar. 42; 20 Mar. 42; 27 Mar. 42; 4 Apr. 42;
10 Apr. 42; 17 Apr. 42; 24 Apr. 42; 1 May 42; 8 May 42;
15 May 42; 22 May 42; 29 May 42; 5 June 42.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

Short-wave Broadcasts

7 Nov. 41 (D); 16 Dec. 41; 16 Dec. 41; 19 Dec. 41; 23 Dec. 41;
6 Jan. 42; 19 Jan. 42; 24 Jan. 42; 27 Jan. 42; 27 Jan. 42;
2 Feb. 42; 2 Feb. 42 (D); 4 Feb. 42; 25 Feb. 42; 28 Feb. 42;
11 Mar. 42; 27 Mar. 42; 6 Apr. 42; 13 Apr. 42; 24 Apr. 42;
26 May 42; 8 June 42.

RUMANIA (see also THE BALKANS)

18 Dec. 41; 28 May 42; 8 June 42; 27 Mar. 44 (A); 22 Sept. 44;
22 Sept. 44; 26 Sept. 44; 5 Oct. 44; 5 Oct. 44; 9 Oct. 44;
13 Oct. 44; 14 Oct. 44; 18 Oct. 44; 18 Oct. 44; 19 Oct. 44;
21 Oct. 44; 25 Oct. 44 (C); 26 Oct. 44; 27 Dec. 44; 13 Mar. 45;
21 Mar. 45; 26 Mar. 45.

SABOTAGE, COUNTERACTION AGAINST

18 Dec. 41.

ST. NAZAIRE RAID

31 Mar. 42; 1 Apr. 42.

SAUDI ARABIA (see also NEAR EAST)

26 Jan. 42; 14 Mar. 42.

TIMOR (see also PORTUGAL)

13 July 44.

TURKEY (see also NEAR EAST; THE BALKANS)

24 Nov. 41 (D); 26 Mar. 42; 13 May 42; 10 July 44.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

20 May 44; 10 Oct. 44.

U.S. DECLARATION OF WAR - PRESS COMMENT AND RADIO COVERAGE OF

13 Dec. 41.

UNITED STATES

13 Dec. 41 (D); 16 Dec. 41; 28 Feb. 42; 1 Apr. 42.

UNITED STATES

American Communist Party

22 Apr. 42.

UNITED STATES

Axis Propaganda in

14 Mar. 42; 27 Apr. 42.

UNITED STATES

Espionage and Sabotage Cases in

22 Feb. 45.

UNITED STATES

Foreign Nationality Groups in

15 Jan. 42; 19 Apr. 42; 1 June 42; 27 Oct. 44; 27 Mar. 45.

UNITED STATES

West Coast of

13 Dec. 41; 13 Dec. 41; 15 Dec. 41; 17 Feb. 42.

YUGOSLAVIA

Grol, Milan

14 Mar. 45.

YUGOSLAVIA

King Peter

30 July 42 (D); 20 Mar. 44 (A); 10 Oct. 44; 13 Dec. 44;
16 Dec. 44; 21 Dec. 44; 30 Dec. 44; 3 Jan. 45; 8 Jan. 45;
8 Jan. 45; 8 Jan. 45; 9 Jan. 45; 11 Jan. 45; 12 Jan. 45;
15 Jan. 45; 16 Jan. 45; 17 Jan. 45; 20 Jan. 45; 22 Jan. 45.

YUGOSLAVIA

King Peter - Conversations with Churchill

14 Oct. 44; 28 Oct. 44; 21 Nov. 44; 14 Dec. 44; 23 Dec. 44;
10 Jan. 45.

YUGOSLAVIA

Military and Political Situation in

3 Nov. 44

29 Oct. 43 (C); 11 July 44 (C); 10 Oct. 44; 9 Nov. 44.

YUGOSLAVIA

Organization of Labor in

14 Mar. 45.

YUGOSLAVIA

Partisans (Tito)

1 Nov. 43 (C); 26 Apr. 44 (B); 4 May 44 (A); 22 Sept. 44;
30 Sept. 44; 2 Oct. 44; 14 Oct. 44; 1 Nov. 44; 5 Dec. 44;
11 Dec. 44; 11 Dec. 44; 31 Jan. 45; 17 Mar. 45.

YUGOSLAVIA

Regency Council

3 Feb. 45; 5 Feb. 45; 7 Feb. 45; 13 Feb. 45; 15 Feb. 45;
17 Feb. 45; 26 Feb. 45; 28 Feb. 45; 9 Mar. 45.